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## LETTER REGARDING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

It is noted that applicants are presently in the process of preparing a preliminary amendment for the Examiner to consider prior to acting on this (divisional) continuation application filed under 37 CFR §1.53(b). Accordingly, if the Preliminary Amendment is not in the file of the application when the Examiner takes up this application for examination, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative in charge of this application at that time to determine the status of the Preliminary Amendment. Applicants and the undersigned representative express their appreciation to the Examiner for his cooperation in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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